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SUBJECT: INCREASED INTEREST BY EUROPEAN ALLIES IN THE NATO

          AND EC ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS

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    OUR NATO MISSION REPORTS THAT NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS

AND THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ARE "VERY DEFINITELY" SHOWING

INCREASED INTEREST IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE TWO ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS,

INCLUDING A POSSIBLE SCENARIO TYING TOGETHER THE SIGNING OF THE

DECLARATIONS WITH NATO'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND A POSSIBLE

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE.

    THE MISSION FEELS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CAREFUL LINKING

OF THE TIMING AND LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION TO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS

ON THE TWO DECLARATIONS HAS BEEN IN ACCORD WITH ALLIED THINKING

AND WILL STIMULATE EUROPEANS TO TURN MORE TO THE US FOR LEADERSHIP

IN DETERMINING THE CONTENT OF THE DECLARATIONS.

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OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW AND AGAIN ON
JANUARY 16 AND AT FUTURE NAC MEETINGS. THE ALLIES WILL BE SEEKING
INDICATIONS AS TO WHAT IS REQUIRED TO MEET THE US CRITERION OF
"REASONABLE PROGRESS" IN DEVELOPING THE DECLARATIONS. E-2 IMPDET.
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